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## Khamisani has votes deducted

By Corryn Brock  
News Editor | @corryn\_brock

Noor Ul-Haash Khamisani was found by the acting Student Government Elections Commissioner Seth Yeakel to be in violation of the Student Government Elections Campaign Guidelines and subsequently the total votes cast for Khamisani was deducted by 25 percent, leaving her with less votes than her opponent Justin Richards, ultimately naming him the winner of the unofficial election results.

Khamisani said she plans to appeal the decision made by the Elections Commission.

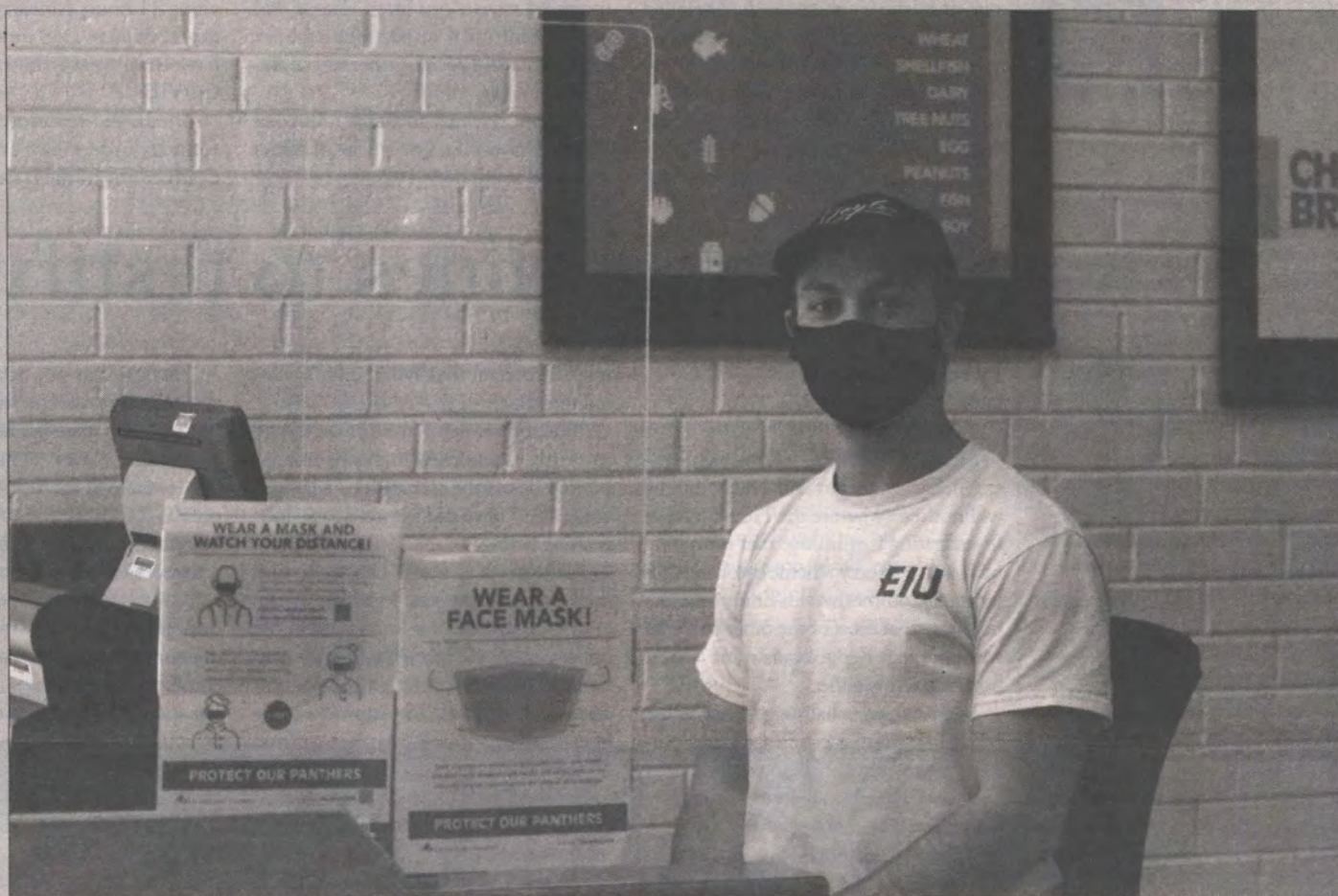
"My appeal is to implement the actual election results and let me have the position that EIU student body gave me as merit," Khamisani said. "Or else let us have elections again with new election commission committee, new and clear guidelines, and we will see what the student body wants."

She added that she felt this was an example of a pattern of the Student Government not accurately reflecting the student body's interests.

"Student Government is an organization that is supposed to act according to the needs and wants of the EIU student body, but once again the student government failed to hear the voice of EIU students. Almost a year ago, when EIU

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## Dining hall duty



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Mikey Davis, a senior psychology major, works the register at Taylor Dining Monday afternoon. "I love how many people I get to meet and the different conversations that arise from small details," Davis said.

## Homecoming week gets underway

By Elizabeth Wood  
Staff Reporter | @DEN\_news

A 125th "Birthday Bash" for Eastern was held on Monday afternoon under the Martin Luther Jr. University Union overpass to kick off Homecoming Week.

Throughout the afternoon, homecoming committee members waved students over to their stand to sign up for a raffle and grab a cake pop.

Holly Olson, the homecoming committee chair and a junior business management major, said students will know the results of the raffle by the end of the week. She added the 125th Birthday Bash kicked off homecoming week, but there's a lot of COVID-friendly homecoming events planned.

"We have a lot of virtual spirit challenges happening," Olson said, "so if you follow and like our social media pages, you'll be able to see all of those and enter to win things."

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, some past homecoming events had to be cancelled and students will have to sign up for events like cosmic bowling on Wednesday or for movie night on Saturday, where they would need time to sanitize between bowling groups or before and after movie night.

"It's really sad that we might have to cut, you know, various events, such as, like I know our golf

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## Exploring Carman Hall's history

By Corryn Brock  
News Editor | @corryn\_brock

Carman Hall celebrates its 50th anniversary on Eastern's campus this year, having gone from a bustling building that housed mainly freshman students to a resident-less building used for storage.

Carman Hall opened Sept. 4, 1970 and was officially completed Nov. 14, 1971.

The hall was described in the 1992 Warbler as something better understood by those who lived in the building:

"Inside Carman Hall may seem like a zoo to some, but to those who live there it is a place where many friendships are made that last throughout their college years."

Carman Hall closed in 2013 due to decreased enrollment and has remained closed besides for the use of storage and for various needs throughout the year such as ROTC training.

The residence hall housed mostly freshman students, something Director of Housing and Dining Mark Hudson says helped foster strong friendships between residents.

"In that (year students lived in Carman Hall), holy cow did they make some fantastic friendships because, imagine everyone in the building was new, 95 percent of them were brand new so they had a bond," Hudson said. "I think that's the legacy of Carman, that bond that people made with each other because there was such a large number of incoming students."

Hudson was a student in the early years of

Carman Hall and said he has fond memories of visiting friends in the building.

He said during his first visit to Eastern he stayed in Carman as a part of a program that gave potential students a closer look at Eastern's campus.

During his visits with friends in the hall after becoming an Eastern student he said he always found the building to be buzzing with energy compared to the hall he lived in which was known to be more quiet.

Beyond the memories made by the students who lived in Carman Hall, the name behind the building also holds significance for Eastern.

Ruth Carman was the first former Eastern student to have a building named after her at Eastern.

At the dedication of Carman Hall was Nov. 14, 1971, Carman's close family was in attendance.

Carman was a Charleston resident born in 1892 and had a relationship with Eastern from a young age.

She was a student of the then normal school's model school beginning in fourth grade until she became a student of Eastern State Normal School, the first name given to Eastern.

Following her time at Eastern she went on to the University of Wisconsin in 1912 where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in German and minored in Latin while also graduating as a member of the honor society, Phi Beta Kappa.

Later she earned a Master of Arts degree



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Former Eastern student and instructor Ruth Carman

in Latin from the University of Illinois in 1925.

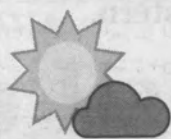
After receiving her degree from the University, she became the first alum to return to Eastern to teach after being selected by Eastern President Livingston C. Lord to teach foreign languages where she taught from 1914 until 1953, a total of 39 years.

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Northwest part of state might be  
headed for COVID-19 restrictionsBy Sarah Mansur  
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – The northwest region of Illinois could be two days away from triggering increased mitigations from the state to slow the spread of COVID-19.

The Illinois Department of Public Health on Monday announced the rate of positive test results had reached 8 percent in Region 1, which extends from DeKalb and Boone counties west to the Iowa border, on Sept. 25, the most recent day those statistics are recorded. A region that has three consecutive days of positivity rates above 8

percent is subject to increased mitigations that include limited capacity indoors and restrictions for restaurants and bars.

Region 4 in the Metro East area already has increased restrictions. Its daily test positivity rate increased for the first time in 10 days, to 7.1 percent. A region must have a positivity rate below 6.5 percent for a 14-day period to have increased restrictions lifted. The IDPH placed additional restrictions on bars, restaurants and social gatherings in Region 4 on Aug. 18.

Region 7, which includes Kankakee and Will counties, got out from under increased restrictions 10 days ago.

Statewide, the test positivity 7-day rolling average is now at 3.7 percent, an increase of one-tenth of a percentage point since Friday. Total cases of COVID-19 reported in Illinois reached 289,639 the IDPH reported Monday.

From Saturday through Monday, the state averaged 1,918 new cases and 52,394 test results daily. There were 1,709 new cases reported in the previous 24 hours Monday, and 13 additional virus-related deaths. There now have been 8,614 Illinoisans killed by COVID-19.

The IDPH reported 52 deaths from Saturday to Monday, bringing the total death count in the state to 8,614 people.

With 41,142 tests reported in the previous hours, the test positivity rate statewide was 4.15 percent in the previous 24 hours, the IDPH said. That's a full percentage point higher than the rate reported Sunday.

Other regions ranged from 2.2 percent in Region 6, which includes eastern Illinois, to 6 percent in Region 6, which spans parts of southern Illinois.

As of Sunday night, 1,491 people in Illinois were reported to be in the hospital with COVID-19. Of those, 346 patients were in the intensive care unit and 135 patients were using ventilators.

The total number of tests to date is more than 5.2 million.

## Madigan declines to testify to committee

By Peter Hancock  
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – House Speaker Michael Madigan said Friday that he will not testify before the House Special Investigating Committee that is probing his role in a bribery scheme involving utility giant Commonwealth Edison, and it's not likely that most of the other potential witnesses that Republicans want to hear from will testify either.

In a two-and-a-half-page letter to the committee, Madigan called the committee "a political stunt" being orchestrated by House Republican Leader Jim Durkin, of Western Springs, and said the ongoing federal criminal investigation, "is

more important than Mr. Durkin's political theatrics."

"For the record, I am not exercising my Fifth Amendment rights by not appearing before the committee," Madigan wrote. "As I have said before, I have done nothing wrong."

Madigan, a Chicago Democrat and the longest serving state legislative speaker in U.S. history, was implicated in the bribery scheme in July when officials with ComEd entered a deferred prosecution agreement with the U.S. Attorney's office in which they admitted that over a period of years, they awarded jobs and contracts to close associates of Madigan in order to curry his favor for legislation that benefited the company.

Madigan has not been charged, and the deferred prosecution agreement did not explicitly state that he had personally requested the favors or had direct knowledge of them at the time. He is referred to only as "Public Official A," although the agreement makes clear the public official is the speaker of the Illinois House.

Republicans have filed a charge under House rules accusing him of "conduct unbecoming to a legislator or which constitutes a breach of public trust." During the committee's first meeting Sept. 10, GOP members introduced a list of witnesses they wanted to testify voluntarily. The list included Madigan along with several past and current employees of ComEd.

The committee's next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 29. In a letter to committee Chairman Rep. Emanuel "Chris" Welch on Thursday, Durkin indicated that one ComEd representative had agreed to testify and that he and the GOP team's attorney, Ron Safer, a former federal prosecutor, would lead the questioning.

Friday was the deadline for people on the proposed witness list to indicate whether they would testify. Durkin did not indicate which ComEd official had agreed to appear Tuesday. His spokeswoman referred questions about witness responses to Welch, who released letters late Friday from five of the proposed witnesses, all of whom said they were declining the invitation.

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students wanted to raise a BLM flag, student government decided to un-hear the student opinion, whom they are supposedly representing and went with ‘what is best for everyone,’ despite hundreds and thousands of student signatures in favor of raising the flag,” Khamisani said.

The judgment was made from the violations Khamisani was accused of: the public posting of campaign material during the voting process and the direct messaging of campaign material to members of the student body and a “not directly affiliated endorsement” by two Eastern students who posted campaign materials on their social media after the campaigning period.

Twenty percent of the deduction was due to the alleged public posting of campaign materials and five percent was due to the endorsements.

There is no stated policy for reducing total votes.

Khamisani said she wanted to know how the number was determined.

“On the student government website, it does not state the percentage of vote deduction for any violations. How is the committee justifying the 25 percent deduction? They are in charge, so if they change this deduction 50 percent, I will obviously have to take it,” Khamisani said. “Isn’t it unfair?”

According to the rationale for the judgment, Khamisani was engaged in campaign violations after the Student Government’s campaign period and during the voting period on Sept. 21 and she was as-

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sisted in “the violation campaigning period” because of endorsements made in favor of Khamisani by former Student Body President Carson Gordon and former Executive Vice President Kathleen Conlin.

Gordon did not reply to requests for comment via Panthermail or Facebook Messenger.

Conlin declined to comment.

Noor said she and the two accused of assisting her election quickly deleted endorsements posted on social media after being informed it was a violation.

Yeakel said candidates are expected to ask those endorsing them to take endorsements down if it is outside of the campaigning period.

Khamisani said she felt the guidelines set by the commission were hard to understand.

The rationale also stated that the violations resulted in “an undeterminable amount of campaign related campaign messaging distributed to EIU student personal accounts across social media platforms” and the violations Khamisani is accused of “were made with the candidate’s full intent and knowledge of (Student Government) Elections Candidates Guidelines which provid-

ed (Student Body President) Candidate Noor Ul-Haash Khamisani’s campaign with an un-fair advantage in the voting process and results.”

Yeakel said he could not say who officially contested the results but any student or candidate may contest elections dependent on the unofficial results.

Contrary to the Student Government Constitution, the Elections Commission acted as the arbiter in the contested results.

According to the constitution the Student Supreme Court is to be the final jurisdiction in all cases of contested and recalled elections.

There is also mention in the candidate guidelines that all alleged violations “will be subject to further review, investigation, and action by the EIU Student Supreme Court.”

Currently there is no Student Supreme Court and one has not been in place for several years.

Yeakel said the Election Commission made the decision in place of the empty Supreme Court and he felt the commission did so fairly.

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cart trivia was really popular last year,” Olson said. “But that wasn’t something we were able to do this year because of social distancing and COVID-19 protocols.”

Olson said she is glad Eastern is able to have homecoming week still, despite COVID-19.

“We really wanted to keep it just because like it is a big celebration of the university,” Olson said. “We just thought it was really important, it gives students something to do.”

Unfortunately, with the beginning of homecoming, memories of homecoming past are bittersweet.

Keagan Fox, a sophomore biological science major, said she misses hanging out with her friends.

“[I miss] being able to hang out close with my friends and take pictures without masks,” Fox said.

LuLu Shimonde, the coronation chairs elector and a senior psychology major, said she misses the pep rally and being around people.

“I miss being around people, that’s what I miss,” Shimonde said. “I think that the opportunity to be in a group setting, around people, without wearing a mask, that’s something I totally miss. Like I miss the sense of normalcy.”

Despite the bittersweet start to homecoming, most students agree that they are glad to have events where they can interact and meet other students.

Shimonde said she’s excited that homecoming is giving students a chance to get involved on campus.

“I think it’s giving people that go here something to do, something to look forward to,” Shimonde said, “I think with COVID it’s been really

hard to get stuff planned and get stuff done, and I’ve heard people complain that its really boring on campus now, so I’m excited that we have something people can finally get involved in.”

Alexis Brown, a freshman communications disorders and sciences major, said she is excited about the activities on campus.

“I’m looking forward to all of the activities just because its my first year and I’ve heard so many good things,” Brown said.

Jessica Nantes, a freshman music major, said she is looking forward to see what happens during homecoming.

“I’m excited to see what kind of things they have planned considering how things are right now with COVID,” she said.

While many events had to be changed, Olson said she’s just happy campus is still open for the school year and that students can still celebrate homecoming.

“I’m really happy with my staff and it’s been great working with everyone on the different changes,” Olson said. “We’ve had to change everything around basically due to social distancing protocols and everything else, but, honestly, I’m personally just really thankful that we can be on campus and I’m really glad Eastern made the decision to reopen with the social distancing and masking protocols and everything in place.”

Students can sign up for homecoming events on Eastern’s homecoming page at [eiu.edu/homecoming/](http://eiu.edu/homecoming/).

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Worldwide death toll for COVID-19 now 1 million

The COVID-19 pandemic has now claimed the lives of over 1 million people worldwide with more than 33 million reported cases.

The millionth death was recorded Monday, nearly 10 months after the first death was recorded in Wuhan, China.

Despite having approximately 4.2 percent of the world’s population, the United States has more than 20 percent of the total deaths and cases. Our 7.16 million cases and 205,000 deaths are the most of any country.

Another nation that is unsurprisingly near the top of the list is Brazil, which despite having approximately 2.7 percent of the world’s population has more than 14 percent of the total COVID-19 deaths globally.

The reason it is not surprising that the United States and Brazil are near the top of the list is that both nation’s leaders did not take the virus seriously when it began, and now their people are continu-

ing to pay the price for their shortsightedness.

If a nation’s leaders do not take something seriously, their supporters will not either. They will also be unlikely to pass regulations that will protect people.

According to some Dr. Mike Ryan from the World Health Organization, the possibility of the number of deaths doubling before a vaccine is produced is not out of the realm of possibility.

We at The Daily Eastern News urge everyone to continue to take the COVID-19 pandemic seriously. Many people grew tired of protocols and other preventative measures a long time ago, but until there is a vaccine, these measures are the best tool we have to fight the continued to continued spread of the virus.

For people who have not been taking the pandemic seriously, it is not too late to start. If you don’t, these million deaths could just be the start.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Response to 2020 EIU Homecoming Theme

*This letter was submitted by the 2020 EIU Homecoming Student Steering Committee and the 2020 EIU Homecoming Advisory Committee.*

In recent days, representatives of the EIU Homecoming Steering Committee and Student Life Office have become aware that the 2020 EIU Homecoming Theme has come under criticism. It is important to recognize the context and process that led to the selection of the 2020 EIU Homecoming Theme comes from the title song by artist Prince – Party Like It’s 1999.

The EIU Homecoming Advisory Committee comprised EIU faculty, staff, and student representatives and the UB Homecoming Steering Committee comprised of EIU student representatives across the EIU community played an integral role in the selection of the EIU Homecoming theme.

In the Spring 2020, a campus-wide survey provided the EIU community the opportunity to vote on the selection of the 2020 EIU Homecoming Theme, which allowed us to move forward with the selection of this year’s homecoming theme.

In hindsight, the selection of the 2020 EIU Homecoming Theme has proven racially insensitive to many within the EIU community. It was not the intent in the selection of the 2020 EIU Homecoming Theme to act in a harmful or insensitive way to the EIU community.

Despite the best intentions of the 2020 EIU Homecoming Committees to recognize EIU’s 125th Anniversary in celebrating the founding of EIU during EIU Homecoming Week, it is clear that the historical and present oppressive plight of African-Americans and other minority and underrepresented groups were not fully taken into context in the selection of the 2020 EIU Homecoming Theme.

To our EIU students, faculty, staff and alumni, we sincerely regret any racial insensitivity and harm conveyed in the selection of the 2020 EIU Homecoming Theme.

While it is not enough to recognize the negative impact and harm that the 2020 EIU Homecoming Theme may have caused, moving forward we are committed to changing for the better, while recognizing our responsibili-

ty to the EIU community for combating racial insensitivity in any future EIU Homecoming Week planning.

It is in moments like this, that our resolve shall be to work towards becoming a more inclusive EIU community that values contributions, promotes mutual understanding and respect for all.

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## COLUMN | BASEBALL

# Top Eastern players to reach the majors

The MLB playoffs begin Tuesday, and according to the Eastern athletic department, three former Eastern baseball players are on the coaching staffs of teams that will be participating in the postseason.

Atlanta Braves hitting coach Kevin Seitzer, Cincinnati Reds pitching coach Derek Johnson and Milwaukee Brewers hitting coach Andy Haines all played for the Panthers in the past.

To commemorate the start of the postseason, let's take a look at some of the most successful MLB players to come from Eastern.

## Kevin Seitzer

Before he was the hitting coach for the Braves, Seitzer enjoyed a productive 12-year MLB career.

Of the 14 players from Eastern to reach the majors, Seitzer is first in hits, RBI, batting average, on-base percentage, slugging percentage and at bats. His career WAR of 28.9 is also first among Eastern alums.

Seitzer's best career season was his rookie season with the Kansas City Royals in 1987. Taking over at third base after future Hall-of-Famer George Brett moved over the first, Seitzer slashed .323/.399/.470, led the league with 207 hits and made the American League All Star Team. He also finished second in rookie-of-the-year



## Adam Tumino

voting that season.

His 5.5 WAR in 1987 was the highest of his career. Seitzer was also an all star in 1995 as a member of the Milwaukee Brewers.

## Marty Pattin

Charleston native Marty Pattin was the most successful MLB pitcher to come from Eastern.

Pattin played from 1968 until 1980, racking up 114 wins to go with 109 losses. He made the American League All Star team in 1971 and posted a record of 14-14 with a 3.13 ERA that season.

The 1971 season was Pattin's only season as a full-time starting pitcher, starting all 36 of the games he appeared in. He filled more of a hybrid role for much of his career, making 224 starts and 251 relief appearances.

## Randy Myers

Only one Eastern alum has made an all star team and won a World



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Former Eastern third baseman Kevin Seitzer swings at a pitch during a double-header against Indiana State on April 12, 1982.

Series during their player career, and that alum was Randy Myers.

In fact, Myers made four all star teams in his career. His first all star appearance came in the 1990 season when he was with the Reds.

Myers pitched 86.2 innings out of the bullpen in 1990, notching

31 saves and striking out 98 batters.

In the playoffs that season, Myers was named the NLCS MVP, pitching 5.2 scoreless innings in the series and picking up three saves. The Reds won the World Series that season for the first time since 1976.

Myers led the majors in saves three times and his 347 career saves are the 13th most on MLB history. He has six more saves than Hall-of-Famer Rollie Fingers.

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